Candy cane mug cozy

US terms



Finished size
About 9¾ in (25 cm) round, without the tab, and 3¼ in (8 cm) tall

Skill
Beginner
It is a flat band with a buttoned tab.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: red, main color	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, contrast color	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a button about ½ in (12 mm) across, and a sewing needle and thread to sew it on, a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
RS	right side

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after row 3 the band should measure about 9¾ in (25 cm) long, from one end of the rows to the other, laid flat and not stretched.

Before you start

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Mugs differ. The band should be about 1 in (2.5 cm) shorter than the distance round your mug. For a longer or shorter band begin with more or fewer chains; for a taller one work more rows, two of each color.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before. Every change comes at the same edge of the band, and no color rests for more than two rows, so do not cut the old yarn: carry it loosely up that edge to its next stripe. After the last row of a color cut it, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Colors, row by row. Rows 1 to 2: A. Rows 3 to 4: B. Rows 5 to 6: A. Rows 7 to 8: B. Rows 9 to 10: A. Rows 11 to 12: B.

Instructions

The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet and sk is miss.

Band

Yarns in order of use: A, red; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 35.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rows 6 to 12**	Repeat rows 2 to 5 in order, over and over. The last row, row 12, is worked as row 4.	

A box for each row, 6 to 12: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8 9 10 11 12

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Tab

Yarn A, red.

Leave a tail of 12 in (30 cm) before the first chain: it sews the tab on.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 6: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6

☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(4 sc, 1 ch-1 sp)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 2 sts	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). The space in row 7 is the buttonhole.	

Assembly

1. Lay the band with its right side up. Its two short edges are the two ends of the rows. Put the foundation edge of the tab under the middle of the short edge at your right hand, about ¼ in (0.5 cm) in, with the right side of the tab up too, so that the rest of the tab sticks out past that edge of the band. With the long tail sew the foundation edge of the tab to the wrong side of the band there.

2. With sewing thread sew the button to the right side of the band in the middle of the other short edge, about ½ in (1.5 cm) in from the edge, or where the buttonhole comes when the band is round your mug. Work a few stitches through the holes of the button and fasten the thread on the wrong side.

3. Wrap the band round the mug, right side out, with its two ends at the handle. Pass the tab through the handle, between it and the mug, and button it.

Finishing

- Weave in on the wrong side all the tails that are left, the rest of the sewing tail too.

In all: 2 pieces; 452 stitches (408 in the band, 44 in the tab); 14 ends to weave in.

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